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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!! For those that usually skip over the first page preview, there will no longer be such a thing per se. (SP) A few people in the survey felt I was wasting too much space on it and to tell you the truth, there is only so many ways to intro the same columnists. This space will only be used for announcements and then we'll delve into the sheet.

The Arena Report 1991 Annual will be available in mid-December. There is an order form on page 10 to use when ordering. The annual will run between 30-40 pages (larger than last year.) and will include contributions from the following people: Dave Meltzer, Jeff Mullins, Jeff Zinger, Jeff Siegel, Jeff Bowdren, (is that enough Jeff's for you?) Dan Reilly, John Lanigan, Mike Lano, K.C. O'Connor, and all the "AR" staff including Klon, Marianne Ryan, Mike Terry, Scott Hudson, and Evan Ginzburg. I'm still waiting to hear from a couple of people so I'll let you know who they are next ish. I'll have more specifics on what each column will be about next issue as well. The cost of the annual is \$6.00 each and is not part of your subscription package. The annual will arrive to your door before Jan. 1 in book form enclosed in a manilla envelope sent first class. Deadlines for orders is December 15. It'll be great reading. Take a look at those names. A virtual who's who in the sheet biz.

Also on page 10 is a Readers Profile form that I would love you to fill out and send back. I'll be starting this as a new feature in the annual and I'll include a few in that. All the others I receive I will put in the regular issues as space permits. Something a little different that I hope you'll enjoy. Let me know what you think. By the way, the annual cover was already done by John Hitchcock and I can't wait until you see it. A classic from the head of "Front Row Section D".

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INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

Friday, October 25, 1991

University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

Opening Match

Hollywood Rick Diamond pinned Caribbean Kid in 6:00 with his feet on the ropes. Diamond was pointing at this blond guy from a frat and saying, "Hey blonde you're my date tonight." *

Tag Team Match

Bad Boys beat Dynamite Express in 14:13 when Billy Brooks broke up a pin attempt by Randy Rhodes with the ring bell and Blair scored the pin. Good post match brawl on the floor and more new moves by these two great teams. ***

Tag Team Match

Chubby M.C. & AL Hardiman beat Possessor & The Stomper via DQ when the heels

brought a chair in the ring. I couldn't grade this as I was in the back after being attacked by Stomper & Possessor on their way to the ring. I had timekeeper duties tonight and as they came to the ring, Stomper started choking me until I fell on the floor. Ned then put the boots to me and picked me up to ram my head into the table. The bump I took to the floor made me twist my knee. The rest was a work which I didn't expect. I asked Stomper after the bout why they didn't tell me they were going to do it and he said Nasty Ronnie told them to attack me while they were making their way to the ring. Thanks Ronnie. It was fun anyway.

Tag Team Match

The Long Riders over Nuclear Assassins in 8:40 when Kip used a bulldog from the top rope to pin #1. Decent action. Kip did his Flair flip over the buckles and leap back over top rope to clothesline the Nuke. **

IWF TV Championship

Cliff Anderson and Lou Perez went to a double count out in 7:49. Good out of the ring stuff culminating with Lou whipping Cliff into the wall of the building. * $\frac{1}{4}$

Dave, thanks for the subs I'm all set for columnists for now.

IWF Tag Team Championship

Thunder & Lightning beat Heartbreakers via DQ in 16:35 when Big Till dumped Thunder over the top rope when Thunder was pounding on him in the corner. Parker (Mr. Terrific) used an object to break up a sleeper. T & L are digressing. **

IWF World Heavyweight Championship

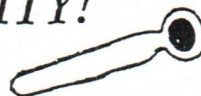
Mondo Kleen retained his title pinning Incredible Thor in 11:28 when Thor missed a charge in the corner and Mondo rolled him up. Thor doesn't belong in there with Mondo. He reminds me of Van Hammer in all aspects. No heat. Glad Mondo got the clean pin. Dud

RAMBLINGS

Might as well start off with a bunch of WCW news. Most of you have heard about the severe injury that Barry Windham suffered in a squash match in Columbus, GA. He'll be out for about 6 months. WCW has the worst luck when it comes to injuries. It's always the guys who can work that get hurt. I guess that makes sense. The P.N. News, Oz's, and Bill Kazmaiers of the world don't put any effort into it so how can they get injured. I guess that means Van Hammer will be around until he's 90 or he blows up whichever comes first.... Windham & Dustin Rhodes were to win the tag belts from the Enforcers at the Clash but that will be changed unless they find a good partner for Dustin.... Bobby Eaton has been moved into the opener against Firestarter Chip since he'll be turning heel. A good possibility is that Paul E. will manage Eaton..... Rick Rude vs. Sting has been added also and the card looks to be pretty strong on paper....WCW is leaning to booking the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City for Wrestle War in February with Luger vs. Sting on top. Who comes up with these venues for PPV's. Jacksonville is their second biggest drawing city and they've yet to book a PPV there....Handsome Stranger from GWF has a TV try-out with WCW this week. He didn't appear at the Global tapings this past weekend....A Jim Ross comment this past weekend, "Johnny B. Badd's dad is a New York City cop." Klon's response, "Yeah, I bet his dad is real proud of him wearing all those frilly things."....Some talk that Slater & Murdoch may return in December to finish the feud with the Steiners but I doubt it. Things too hot between Murdoch and Herd....The Shawn Michaels turn may finish at Survivors Series and look for them to announce a Jannetty-Michaels match for the 12/3 PPV which may make it the best PPV of the year....WWF has a date booked in the Jacksonville Coliseum for January which as mentioned earlier is one of the strongest buildings WCW has left....WWF in Pittsburgh drew 10,000 for Hogan-Flair on 11/1. Will have full results next ish....The old Florida office opened back up on 11/2 with a TV taping at the Tampa Sportatorium. They are now called the ICWA (I think). Wrestlers on the card included Master Blaster, Terminator, Star Riders, Mark Starr, Hurricane Walker, and a bout between Jimmy Backlund and Pat Tanaka which was probably hot as hell....Their first house show is Thursday, 11/7 which I'll be attending so look for a live report next ish. Other wrestlers that will work for them include Kevin Sullivan, Robert Gibson, Rocky Johnson and his son Ricky, and Dick Slater was mentioned as well. Ted Webb and Oliver Humperdink handle the mic chores. They will have a rock & wrestling show at Finky's nightclub in Daytona with Bam Bam Bigelow advertised....In what could be the independent match of the year, Tommy Rogers meets Pat Tanaka in a Suncoast Pro bout skedded for the end of November.. WWF returns to Memphis after more than a year on 12/6 with Flair-Piper and Undertaker-Savage on top....The president of the AWF made good on that check I mentioned last issue. I apologize for jumping the gun. A transfer of banks was the problem....11/9 in Southington, CT will see Tony Atlas meet Koko Ware in the main....Talk about exposing the biz. The South Atlantic promotion lists Manny Fernandez as the producer. No real name or anything.... What a future Bully Busick has with Titan. He loses to Brooklyn Brawler on Prime Time. You made it big time Nick....ICW drew 800 in Farmingdale, NJ on 10/26 for Santana beating Tasmaniac and Koko defeating The Scorpion.... The AWF kicks off with a TV taping in Asbury Park, NJ on 12/14 with the titles being decided. Chris Cruise & Dutch Mantell will handle the mics. Other wrestlers added besides the ones I mentioned last time include JYD, Bob Backlund, Pez Whatley, Tony Anthony, Paul Orndorff, Bigelow, Adrian Street, and Barry Horowitz....Mark Lewin is running that tour of Singapore that I mentioned last ish....Jerry Grey got into some hot water with the Sumter County Fair last month. He billed his show as the NWA, with stars like Muta, Wrestling II, The Anvil, the Black Scorpion, and Murdoch among others. Grey has been doing this for years but this is the first time enough people bitched about the talent not being there. Well, they were there. But not the same faces.... Some "stars" from Vince's WWF were at the opening of Worlds Gym in Merritt Island on 10/20....Look for the Young Pistols to win the U.S. straps from the Patriots. Watch, now that the Pistols are heels, the fans will cheer them. CWF on 11/9 will have Al Perez vs. The Superstar (Bob Cook) in the main event at the American Legion 139.

it's time for CANVAS CAVITY!

BY DR. MIKE LANO



My televised show, "Canvas Cavity" finally debuted on Northern California United Artist Cable on October 3rd. We ran two shows that week, and aired two more the week of October 10th. We have now settled into a comfortable Thursday pm slot at 5 and then 9:30. The first show tried to show wrestling in it's better lights with clips of Tiger Mask (Sayama), Liger, Yoshihiro Asai (whose name I kept blowing), Rogers vs O'Connor and the whole of a Lucha-Universal group workout. The second had Dory vs Terry and Bockwinkel-Robinson from Tokyo, Liger vs Sano and we had more footage of Cactus Jack in the dental chair from September 30th. I had to edit Cactus Jack saying as he had his teeth cleaning and we watched for the first time the Flair-Piper-McMahon angle on Superstars, "great fuckin' angle. How come WCW can't do that?" I keep getting asked, since I'm trying to create a video show of what John Arzuffi, Wade, Larry Katz, Joe Perry and others are attempting on the radio, if I'm going to "expose the business." I would refer everyone to Keller's current Below the B.L., where he deftly handles this question, during modern times. I don't think anything I could do would hurt the business as much as the promotions do with their circuses: creatures and torture chamber matches et al.

On Jim Ross and Paul E. being on camera too much- that Torch point was true! We certainly don't see Titan announcers on camera before and after every match, save for Primetime (Hecenan show).

I love the latest WWF mag with Sherri, B Brawler and Hayes dining at a "fancy restaurant with a view." Since I was one of the guys to meet with Vince, it was shot in either the commissary (staff cafeteria) or another room with a view there. It's fun to pick up on this, no that we saw it firsthand. Where Savage and Slaughter were first interviewed on the bench with Okerlund was simply on the "Keller Memorial Roof" of Titan. Still very picturesque spots no matter. And for those who care, since I've aired some of the old circuits tapes I inherited from Les Fuskas, it's fun to see old S.F. Circuit Piper, and Kevin Sullivan vs Bob Roop stuff. Cactus should watch his alter ego, Lonnie Mayne in some of these bits doing interviews while he was totally drunk. Piper trying to imitate Mayne's goldfish eating was a scream too.

Re: K.C. O'Connor's letter on me, I was wrong. I asked Jeannie if I could mention our meeting, since we were "old pals" from the end of the LeBell circuit. She was leaving for the airport, was to be on the road for many days, and obviously had a pericoronitis about her wisdom tooth. It is standard of care to administer Pen VK, 500 mg for aiding same, especially days prior to surgery. She had no other need for Penicillin, nor have I ever written scripts for any wrestler, out of the 45 workers I've seen in my dental office. I have refused to write pain killers for two drug abusers in the business, who only wanted pills and used the pretext of coming in for work as an excuse. As K.C. knows, I counsel various wrestlers on quitting cocaine and cigs. Since I've never mentioned any of the workers I've treated, I will now stop since it appears to be "name-dropping" to K.C. On a positive note, I can plug that Australian tv has picked up my 4 week-old Canvas Cavity tv show, and will pay me to dub them weekly since WCW never returned any of their calls re: syndication. The shows so far have shown Keichi Yamada (as Fuji) in England, Austrian and German matches, as well as lots of Japan and Mexican footage. Once I have permission to show highlights from Goodhart and other's shows, I will put those on. Ethically, I am not showing any match finishes. I have obtained several 3/4 Shires' Circuit video masters to pick and choose from. I know it can never be a tv version of Arzuffi's great radio show, so I'm trying to go 180 degrees with it. I encourage any and all suggestions and criticisms (k.e.-isms).

Madusa says she's in Germany for two weeks in Nov. doing conventions and then was supposed to finally sign a WCW contract in January, as well as leave for 5 weeks thereafter to JWP. Beloved George Cannon wants everyone to know he survived critical cancer surgery where he nearly lost his eyes, and wants everyone to ask Abby about showing his "U.S. Govt" i.d. to the fairer sex (name dropping). Arena scoops the fact Buddy Rogers is having nothing to do with the UWF, nor ever agreed to do his Rogers' Corner for UWF. He and Landel are excited about their forthcoming services for the great Joel Goodhart. If there are more entertaining U.S. shows than Joel's, please tell me about them. With he and Dennis Corraluzzo, the Quad States area is taken care of. Actual First ever Flair-Hogan at Dayton, Ohio 10/22 by accident when Piper never made it to the arena, and is Madusa threw with WCW as our editor reports? Buddy Landel to give up religion and go 100% back to wrestling, and I suggested Sunny Beach's new group to get immersed in, as well as IWF! We miss Mansfield's shows here in California- I've always thought the big groups or wannabes could tape at arenas at Knotts Berry Farm or Disneyland, and make use of existing crowds that might be educated and entertained. For those workers wondering how to safely maintain a year-round tan without inducing skin carcinomas, please contact me re: the self-tanning products out there. Some even have sunblock in them, and are great. And if some of the WCW eggheads were gone, I bet many of the employees smoking too much would cut down or quit. It all rests on that January date, mates. And K.C.- you get to pay double to the receptionist on your weigh (way) out!

LETTER TO "AR" FROM J.Z. TRAVIS

Re: "Georgia Wrestling Journal" (AR Vol. IV, No. 3), Scott Hudson's comment, "The Atlanta paper reported that Missy and Jason were not engaged. So Zinger still has a shot! Go for it." Hey- don't get my clean cut close personal friend in trouble. The "Zing-Man" is happily engaged and soon to be married as you should already know Scott, you Cy Sperling wanna be you.

By the way, if anybody taped WCW on 10/26, go back and watch the Steve Austin vs. Mike Graham match. After the finish, Madusa comes out and pulls the international object out of Lady Bosom's top. Check out the object real close. Yep, it looks like an international dildo! (RL- Here come the "AR" censors again. Print it or toss it Harry? Print it, okay.) Seriously, you got to see this! It was friggin' hilarious!

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- Zinger engaged to be married? What's the punchline?

PLUG

Rodney Leighton puts out Rod's Reflector at \$1.00 per issue. The first three issues of November will include the interview that Vic Stanley conducted with me. After reading the interview, Cheryl threatened to file for divorce but I told her I would dedicate the annual to her and she eased up. God, women. Rod's address is R.R. #3, Pugwash, Nova Scotia Canada B0K 1L0

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

by,
Marianne Ryan

Work rate. Some guys have made careers out of it. Others have gained notoriety for lacking it. And with some people, it can go unnoticed. With Sid Justice taking some time off, some (such as our fearless leader Ron), have suggested we might not realize he is even gone since his work rate is so low. At the same time, one of his colleagues has continued to prove she is worth her weight, at the very least.

Some may say I'm slightly prejudiced since I am friends with Sherri Martel. In fact, that would be one of the nicer things I have been called when people find out I know Sherri. People ask how can I possibly be friends with her when she's such a bitch. After stories appeared about some questionable photos, others wondered just what kind of lady she is. All I will say about her outside the ring is that I consider myself lucky to have her for a friend.

In the ring is a different matter. From her days as a ladies champ in the AWA, few worked harder than Sherri Martel. When she joined the WWF, she not only took the title from the Fabulous Moolah, but eliminated Moolah as a threat at the same time. Even after losing that title to Rockin' Robin, Sherri proved what she was made of. Vince McMahon banished his women wrestlers, but before you knew it, Sherri was back as Randy Savage's manager.

Randy had already been an Inter-continental champion, and the World Champ, but pairing him up with Sherri was probably the best thing that ever happened to him. I know there are some who will think I'm nuts for saying that, but the Randy and Sherri show was one of the most entertaining I have ever seen. In the ring, was one of the premier wrestlers, who now didn't have to worry about defending a belt, or hiding behind Elizabeth. Instead, he could get in there and have fun, and show off his stuff. At the same time, outside the ring, was a woman who never stood still and never shut up. She was constantly in motion, pounding, pacing, jumping, yelling. Their interviews were the same. In dancing, it was Astaire and Rogers, in comedy, Burns and Allen, and wrestling-Randy and Sherri.

As things happen, Randy decided to retire, but once again, Vince McMahon was not about to part with one of his more valuable assets. So he partnered Sherri up with Ted DiBiase. They too make a great team. It may not be Randy and Sherri, but it is still highly entertaining, and a good showcase for Sherri's hard work. That hard work was visibly demonstrated on Wrestling Challenge a few weeks ago, although most people probably didn't even know it. During the day of the tapings in Huntington, a fire extinguisher fell off a wall and embedded itself in Sherri's leg. Sixteen stitches later, there she was at ringside doing her stuff as always.

It is easy to forget about someone like Sherri. She isn't one of the wrestlers, her image and reputation certainly do not endear her to people, but when you need someone to work his or her ass off, she can be counted on to come through. After all, this is the same person who was dropped face first night after night by the Warrior not so long ago. So the next time you complain about some high priced star who's afraid if he works too hard he might ruin his hairdo, think about someone like Sherri, who isn't afraid to work hard to earn her money.

And I cannot forget to mention Halloween Havoc. How many times can WCW ask people to pay to see title matches, when not a single title changes? After all, aren't those what pay-per-views are for? Obviously not in WCW. But since when have they done anything that makes sense?

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

CENTER STAGE Atlanta, Georgia (10-21-91) WCW TV TAPING FOR AIR ON NOVEMBER 9, 1991. World Championship Wrestling: P. N. News over Ricky ??..Cactus Jack over Rick Hardrock..Van Hammer over John Peterson..Tom Zenk over Buddy Lee Parker..Johnny B. Badd over Mike Graham..Arachnabrad over The Medic..The York Foundation over The Patriots & Bobby Eaton..NEWS AND NOTES: Rick Hardrock was apparently petrified of Cactus Jack, making the match almost unwatchable..A chorus of "We Want Flair" mysteriously appears during the Van Hammer squash..Cactus Jack joined Jim Ross on color during the Hammer match..The Badd/Graham match was an interminable 14:00 DUD..The same goes for the 12:00 Arachnabrad/Medic match..Richard Morton pinned Chip the Wind breaker in the 6-man main event. There were some very vague hints at a potential heel turn for Eaton during this..Conspicuous by their absense? Lex Luger, Rick Steiner, Ron Simmons, & Madusa Micelli..ATT: 700 Consistent

GLOBAL DOME Dallas, Texas (11-01-91) GWF TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 16 AND 23, 1991. Major League Wrestling (11-16-91): Rod Price & Sweet Daddy Falcone over Manuel Villalobos & Steve Tanner..Rattlesnake over Mike Stetson..Scott Anthony over Terry Garvin..Steven Dane over Rick Garren..Eddie Gilbert over Sam Houston..(11-23-91): Black Bart over Mike Stetson..Mike Davis over Larry Green..Tug Taylor over Frogman LeBlanc..Wild Bill Irwin over Scott Anthony..Main Events (11-23-91): Gary Young over Larry Green..Terry Garvin wins a 12-Man Battle Royal..Sam Houston over Sweet Daddy Falcone..Eddie Gilbert over Terry Garvin..NEWS AND NOTES: The Handsome Stranger (Mark Bagwell) was not in attendance as he chose to pursue an offer from WCW, beginning with tryout matches on 11-06 and 11-07. He may or may not use a similar gimmick but, either way, he is a prize catch if used correctly..Bull Pain and Samantha debuted. Pain was involved in the Battle Royal and won an extra match which was taped..During the 900 number interview tapings, Sam Houston discusses his second career as a musician. He fronts a Charlotte, North Carolina based country-rock band known as The Gunslingers. The group tours the Carolina and Eastern Tennessee..During an interview with Tug Taylor, he reveals that Chaz is his son and that is why he refused to join in with The Dirty Davis Brothers on a triple-teaming of Chaz last week. With Chaz "injured", the feud will begin with Taylor teaming with Terry Garvin to challenge the Davis' before Chaz returns to team with his father. This got over very well live..ATT: 850

THE REAL NEWS: Much will be made over the upcoming weeks about the financial status of the Global Wrestling Federation. Being that I am not a full time employee of the GWF nor am I in the GWF offices more than 20 minutes per week, I am not privy to the inner workings of the promotion. My contact with the hierarchy of the GWF is limited to the weekends in Dallas and the Thursday afternoons at WVEU-TV in Atlanta. With that said, all I can add to the reports that have no doubt already been printed in the "Observer", the "Torch", "Matwatch" and probably even in this issue of "Arena Report" is that I have been told that no changes will be made in the TV taping schedule and everyone will be back in Dallas next week. As I only go every other week, I will return there on 11-15. Granted, there have been some changes in the management structure at the GWF, but my gut feeling is that there will be no visible changes in the television product. At least I hope not. Thanks for the support in the survey. Later.

THE LAST WORD...

A personal note to Jeff Bowdren:

Sorry I could not make it down to the wedding but, being a newlywed myself, convincing my wife to let me go to Florida by myself under the pretense of going to a friend's wedding was impossible. Anyway, good luck and remember.....

SHE'S ALWAYS, ALWAYS RIGHT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

UNDER THE MUSHROOM

with

KLON

A exotic purple cornucopia of wrestling tidbits this time out. I am not really set in gear during this timeframe so bear with me. Have you sent back your Arena Report survey? Rockin' Ronnie Lemieux really needs each and every one of you guys to throw some feedback his way. It's your best way to let Lemieux know what you like or what you abhor.

I took a bye on the latest p-p-v offering from Jim Herds Lane Exuse for a wrestling promotion. While down at my local cable office one the head honchos asked me (I am known as the wresling guy, who knows the answers (no I never spill the beans I can kay fabe with the best of them) why no one was ordering the Halloween show. I explained that almost all of the top stars working for the Turner minor wrestling group had gone to the WWF; ie Ric Flair, The Road Warriors etc. While on the subject of these goofs (company heads basically) are you ready to watch Fred Flinstone wrestle George Jetson? Well Turner just inked the deal to buy Hanna Barbaras cartoon empire and we know how they love to use new and unique(?) characters. Bamm Bamm would not be Terry Gordy but Bamm Bamm Rubble.

I have already ordered the Survivor Series p-p-v and will also take the six days later show. I have a theory as to why Sid did not draw during his Undertaker bouts. They changed his role. They should have left him playing Sid Vicious not this soft spoken Huckleberry Finn type they were using. It's fascinating that the crowds are not responding to the Sgt Slaughter turn.

For those of you seeking a new weekly to replace Matwatch I want to mention Three Count (P O BOX 12795, Gainesville, Fla, 32604). Its published by Alex Marvez who writes for the Miami Herald and is seen in newspapers all over the country. Dave Meltzer is very frequently mentioning this writer and those of you in Tampa during Superbrawl weekend probaly saw Alex with Meltzer-san. Marvez will be running an interview with the steroid Dr Zahorian in afuture issue. Three Count just might be something of intrest to you. In my opinion Lance Levine wrote the best article describing the Chris Von Erich situation. I only wish that more people would realize that Lance's sheet Chokehold is much more than a humor sheet, its has one of the best writers around both on serious material and wacky humor material. Check it out !!!

Once again guys I apologize if this column is under par the flu bug seems to have caught me and deadlines wait for no man

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 \$HAVOC HAPPENINGS\$

Halloween Havoc is history and I have to say that the most intriguing⁽⁵⁰⁾ segment was Paul E.'s semi-shoot interview. Onward ho to the comments on the show: I liked the touch of showing the wrestlers coming to the arena. I know it was done only to do the Windham angle but it was still a nice touch.To those people who called angry that WCW didn't have Barry work, it was justified due to injury (see "Ramblings")....Chamber of Horrors was ridiculous. I know they don't pretend that wrestling is real but is putting someone in an electric chair just a little too much? One of the most aggravating things about that match was that the fans were popping but the camera wasn't on the action the fans were popping about. What was the point of having the extra masked guy come out of the coffin? Was it the Undertaker? Didn't one of those ghouls who came down the ramp with the stretcher look like Ultimate Warrior? Abdullah was probably the only one of the heels sick enough to agree to do the job in the "chair"....Looks like the Young Pistols are turning heel after that interview they did. They might as well, the fans boo them anyway. They'll be good heels. Cocky attitude....I think we could have done without the P.N. News & Big Josh squash of the unhunchbacked Creatures....Jim Ross quote of the night, "Taylor & Eaton don't get the respect they deserve." Yeah, from their own friggin' company, not the fans. To me, Taylor-Eaton was the best match on the card. Their ramp work was tremendous....Garvin-Badd match was surprisingly decent due to Badd's bumps....Dustin Rhodes-Steve Austin was a good match but there was no suspense since Austin had the title at the taping which is to air after the PPV. Both juiced which shows these two have no fear of aids. Nothing more dangerous than someone's blood getting into your open wound. Was this Austin's virgin juice job? I thought we might see a Stella Mae French angle when they showed Dustin's grandma at ringside. I thought she'd come out and slug Jeannie....How was Bill Kazmaier vs. Oz? I wouldn't know. As soon as they announced the match, I went to get a drink of prune juice. Much more enjoyable....Then after these two slugs we have to watch the Ultimate Slug, Van Hammer. He screwed up three moves in the first minute. Did you see where he was supposed to miss a clothesline on Summers but when Doug ducked, Hammer forgot to swing his arm. Square dancing anyone?....Did Nick Patrick look like he was trying out for the Bruins with that Refer-eye helmet? (Only hockey fans will get that one.) Pillman-Morton was disappointing but you have to consider Brian's bad shoulder....Rick Rude gave away his Phantom identity when he threw his first forearm smashes. Rude's style all the way. Boy, I bet the marks had no idea who the Phantom was after Tony Shrivane mentioned the Rude Awakening....A first occurred for me during a PPV. I picked up the paper to read during the Anderson-Larry Z. bout with the Patriots. Nothing against the heels but it gauled me to see the Patriots in the second match from the top....The Paul E angle was great. Madusa may make a better Sherri than Sherri does. And Rude's interview was very strong. I loved this whole scenario. Now if WCW could ever figure out which direction to go in, maybe we'll have something....Luger-Simmons was okay but seeing these two at the houses last month took something away for me. I'm glad they gave Lex a somewhat clean victory. They don't want to make him look bad at this point I'm sure.....Overall, thumbs down.

 \$CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER\$

Buffalo Memorial Auditorium (WWF)
 Correspondent: Brent Clark

Buffalo, NY

September 29

1) Ricky Steamboat pinned Skinner with a roll up in 14:33. *** 2) I.R.S. beat Hacksaw Duggan via DQ when Duggan used the 2x4 in 8:20. *½ 3) Kerry Von Erich beat Berzerker in a double pin situation in 7:00. This was Kerry's first bout back after Chris's death and you could tell Kerry wasn't into it. ** 4) Ted DiBiase over Virgil by count out in 12:00. ***½ 5) Legion of Doom retained the WWF tag belts by beating the Nasty Boys in 13:00. Saggs had Animal up for a piledriver but Hawk came off the top rope to nail Saggs and score the win. **** 6) Beverly Brothers over Whackers in 12:43. ** all for Bevs. 7) Bret Hart pinned Warlord and after Warlord held Bret in a full nelson for 2:00 until some officials came ot break it up. *** 8) Sid Justice beat Undertaker in a casket match when he hit Callous with the urn and threw him in the casket in 13:25. **½ ATT: 4,500

Stoney Creek Democratic Club (Mid-Eastern)
 Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

Pasadena, MD

October 11, 1991

1) Glamour Boy Mark Arris and Rick Savage went to a 10:00 draw. F 2) Rambling Rich beat Nick Tarentino. C 3) Hollywood Bob Star pinned the Black Ranger. D 4) Rob the Heartthrob Monroe and Morgus the Maniac went to a double count out and Morgus broke two ribs during the bout. D 5) Lords of Darkness over Max

Thrasher & Kurt Dread. C 6) Golden Phoenix pinned Johnny Lawler. C 7) Cream Team over Agent Orange & Kerry Davis. C 8) Tom Brandi over King Kahlua via DQ when A.J. Fritzoid attacked Brandi. 9) Hardrock Ricky Blues beat Adrian Hall to win the MEWF Lightweight belt. B 10) Johnny Lawler won a 20 man Bunkhouse street fight battle royal. B ATT: 265

Great Bend Racquet Club (APW)
Correspondent: Gary Waugh

Great Bend, KS

October 19, 1991

1) Painmaker Jim Evans over Auron Jones. 2) The Panther (Dan Adams) beat Tony the Spider via DQ. 3) Chief Red Eagle over Treach Phillips, Jr. 4) Dr. Fetus the Abortionist (Ron McFarlane) beat Porkchop Cash. (RL- Not only is that gimmick the poorest taste I've ever seen but can you imagine the heat since it's right near Wichita?) 5) Red Eagle eliminated Jim Evans to win a bunkhouse.

Laconia Middle School (ICW)

Laconia, NH

October 25, 1991

Correspondent: Steve Dickinson

1) Tyree Pride over Freight Train Fulton. 2) T.D. Madison beat Mike the Mangler 3) Tasmaniac turned back Ray Odyssey. 4) Tubby Muffit squashed Joe Davis. 5) Tyree Pride & Joe Savoldi over Fulton & The Scorpion. 6) Tiger Jackson out-midgeted Little Hercules (Herc off the juice.) 7) Koko Ware and Kevin Sullivan went to a double count out. ATT: 150

Manatee Civic Center (Suncoast Pro)

Palmetto, FL

October 26, 1991

Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Billy Freedom and Ian Weston went to a draw. 2) Keno McKenzie over Tommy Star. 3) The Driggers Brothers beat Sonny T. & Rick Thames. 4) Penelope Paradise and A.J. Watson went to a double DQ. 5) Master Blaster blasted Poison Ivy. 6) Billy Freedom pinned Dave Johnson. 7) Charlie Fields & The Giant Outlaw won the Suncoast tag belts beating Gator Gilmore & Big V. 8) Jumbo Berretta beat The Superstar (Bob Cook) in a no DQ match. 9) Tommy Rogers defeated Jerry Flynn.

LETTERS TO "AR"

Lano

I'd like to know the reason behind the K.C. O'Connor letter questioning the professional ethics of Mike Lano. Why was it written and why was it printed? I can't see how K.C. can be so concerned about the medical privacy of Jeannie Adams when we all know he enjoys his ringside humiliation of her so much. (Even brags about it in his column.) Was it because Lano had an opportunity to do a kind deed for someone K.C. can only yell insults at in hope of recognition? Is it because Mike's column actually demonstrates knowledge and inside information while K.C. can only give remembrances of card results and the antics of Front Row D? Did Lano snub him somewhere in the past? Or is it just because he has a unique talent in picking out and mocking other peoples faults and hypocrisys in order to gain attention like a 6th grader?

I don't know the reason behind this assault but I do know that Mike Lano doesn't deserve a cheap shot like this from a fellow fan. The wrestling world is full of self serving egotistic weasels and the Doctor is one of the few people willing to give something back to the business. He has used his skills to treat dozens of wrestlers and their families and asked nothing in return. Any info released from these contacts (very little) was done after discussing it with the patient. This includes Jeannie Adams.

If K.C. wanted to criticize the info or opinions in Lano's column, great. But his attack could effect the way Lano makes a living. Maybe I'm sensitive about this because I also work in the medical field, but I believe there is no place for this kind of letter in a wrestling sheet. It hurts people. It hurts feelings and reputations and I can't see any real reason for it. O'Connor's letter was powerful and well written but I fault you (Ron) for printing it. It should have been discussed by all the members involved but you showed incredible poor judgement. Do you want to lose Dr. Lano? You don't think he'll leave if he feels writing a wrestling column endangers his professional reputation? Hell, maybe you're paying him too much money to leave Ron?

Mike Lano is one of the top fans in the wrestling world. He has contacts all over the U.S. and Japan. He's good for the sport and has alot to say. I'll be pissed if he quits writing in the sheets because of attacks outside of wrestling.

I don't believe personal attacks between fans should be printed in newsletters. Look at the wrestling game today; because of greed and egos it's self-destructing. Do we the fans have to do the same? I know K.C. O'Connor is intelligent, a good writer and probably great fun. I like his column and want to see more. I just didn't like his letter attacking my friend. Mike Lano is trying to make the sport better and he doesn't deserve this cheap shot. He's had a real bad week, losing his rental house in the Oakland fire and this just added onto his problems. I hope in the future K.C. O'Connor will just save his monumental wit and ego for those poor mismatched wrestlers who walk by Front Row D. And if he doesn't, I hope ypu don't print it.....Steve Yohe, Alhambra, CA

RL- A couple of things to say on this issue. First though, to you people that sent me letters, they will run next issue. I thought it was important to get this Lano matter straightened out. First of all, I didn't think K.C. was serious in his letter. I thought it was in jest. That's not a cop out. Because even if it was serious (and after talking to him, I guess it was.) I would have printed it. I look at "AR" just like any other printed material. Columnists from newspapers, magazines, whatever are criticized in letters to editor pages. I'll defend my columnists rights to say what they want to the death as I did last year in the Ryan-Levine war. But I'll also defend the rights of my readers to respond if they wish. As far as hurting Mike's business, I doubt the few hundred that read this sheet were patients of Mike and as far as the wrestlers are concerned, he doesn't charge them anyway. As far as personal attacks go, this attack on K.C. and myself was rougher than O'Connor's on Lano but hey, as editor, I put myself in that position and I can deal with that. No, I do not want to lose Mike as a columnist. The majority of my readers enjoy his stuff. My worry is your letter along with the following one from Jeff Mullins is going to open up a can of worms that will make the situation even uglier.

Surprised by O'Connor's "Shoot" on Lano

As my great grandpappy "Nature Boy" Jimmy-Jack Mullins used to say, "He who can't submit his column on time and can't stick to his editor's obvious length-and-width standards (thereby requiring his editor to photographically reduce the size of the column so that it will fit the page and force the reader to use a magnifying glass), should cast neither aspersions, nor foreign objects, nor stones at others!"

In spite of K.C. O'Connor's recent column-tardiness and lack of column length-and-width control, I am beginning to warm up to K.C.'s witty, stylish, and savvy wrestling columns in AR as they seem to be written by a pretty cool guy (even if he is late and verbose and makes me squint to read his stuff). So, that's why I was kind of surprised when the talented, though imperfect, O'Conner showed up in the letters page last issue and did a "shoot" on fellow AR columnist Dr. Mike Lano.

Lano might not be a saint. After all, when he is providing all that free dental work to wrestlers, some of whom happen to be legit legends, the lucky S.O.B. does get to talk to these guys and then, as a matter of course, he is kind enough to share this insider poop with the rest of us, who, like K.C. O'Conner himself, absolutely suck up this stuff for all it is worth. Sure, from time to time, Lano might tell what seems to be a story out of school, so to speak, and arn't we flip-city glad when he does?

There are a lot of good columnists like K.C. out there, and come to think of it, a sheet or two, who would have little else but what is seen on TV or live shows to talk about, unlike columnists like Lano, and the news sheets, which give writers like K.C. (and sheet editors like me) the actual insider scoops and stories and tidbits which are the foundation of most columns and most of the sheets out there today.

Let's face it. Breaking confidentiality--in one form or another--is the mother's milk of the underground pro wrestling-newsletter scene. Without the Lanos, Meltzers, Ryans, Lemieuxs, Hudsons, Kellers, and Beverlys of this world (who really do make up the bulk of the people "exposing" the business on a consistent basis) stellar columnists like Kunkel, Terry, Meyerson, Hitch & Mitch, Klon, Stanley, White, DeMarie, etc., and sheets like Sushi, Wrestling Perspective, Rod's Reflector, and Choke would not have as ammunition the extra news, gossip, and real insider vinettes upon which most of the aforementioned columnists and sheets build much of their compositions and material.

Of course, Lano (who has been "paying dues" in the underground longer than most of us have been hardcore anything, and who surely knows when he is breaking a "real" confidentiality or not) and others of his ilk could simply keep it all to themselves, never quote an "informed source", and never tell us what's going on out in the parking lot, but then where would the rest of us, including K.C. O'Connor, be? I'll tell you where. We'd be back where we were in the 60's and 70's...lumbering out to the mailbox or shuffling down to the newsstand for the latest "hot" issue of one of the Apter-type mags. I'd rather swallow barf and die.

Jeff Mullins
San Jose, CA

FINAL NOTES: The annual will also include a couple of live reports, a look at the 12/3 WWF PPV, a "Ramblings" column as well as letters and match results. I'll also have my year end award picks. I just got a confirmation that Matwatch editor Steve Beverly will be added to that line up of contributors. So don't forget to order by 12/15 and fill out those profiles. See you next ish where I hope everything has calmed down. See ya,

Ron

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